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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3302

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AT ITS MEETING OF APRIL 14, AGREED TO GRANT EMERGENCY AI TO SOUTH VIETNAM AMOUNTING TO 1.14 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (UA) (\$1,368,000) AND NOTED THE EC COMMISSION'S INTENTION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL

AID AT A LATER DATE.

2. THE COMMISSION SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED, AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JULY 10 APPROVED, PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL AID IN THE AMOUNT OF 9000 METRIC TONS OF WHOLLY-MILLED RICE, 6000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR AND 1000 METRIC TONS OF BUTTER OIL. THE VALUE OF THIS ADDITIONAL AID IS ESTIMATED AT 5.15 MILLION UA (\$6.5 MILLION) BRINGING TOTAL 1975 EMERGENCY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM FROM THE COMMUNITY TO 6.28 MILLION UA OR \$7.9 MILLION.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) WILL RECEIVE 7000 METRIC TONS OF THE RICE AND 500 METRIC TONS OF

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BUTTER OIL. THE BALANCE, 2000 METRIC TONS OF RICE, ALL 6000

METRIC TONS OF FLOUR, AND 500 METRIC TONS OF BUTTER OIL WILL
BE HANDLED BY THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

4. NO FURTHER EMERGENC AID FROM THE EC FOR SOUTH VIETNAM
IS EXPECTED.GREENWALD

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